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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/752,643	Applicant(s) FLEMING ET AL.	
	Examiner Douglas B. Blair	Art Unit 2142	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30,32-34,37-43,45-48 and 50-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30,32-34,37-43,45-48 and 50-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/18/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 56-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The applicant's specification states that a machine-readable medium could be a transmissive medium which could be construed as an energy source such as a carrier wave and therefore makes claims 56-58 non-statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 30, 32-34, 37-43 and 45-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the "Specification of the Bluetooth System- Part E" hereinafter referred to as the Bluetooth Specification in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,826,387 to Kammer.
6. Claims 30, 32-34, 37-43 and 45-58 are rejected for reasons pointed out in the previous office action. The applicant's remarks with respect to the claims are addressed below.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 5/18/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
8. The applicant argues with respect to claim 35, that while Section 2.2 of the Bluetooth Specification describes service records, Applicant's are unable to find any mention of ports at all nor of maintaining any database.
9. In response, Bluetooth inherently maintains a database of ports and service names otherwise it would be impossible for Bluetooth devices to communicate. The applicant is directed towards Figure 1 on page 5 of the Bluetooth Protocol Architecture. Any Bluetooth application must communicate through the RFCOMM layer and therefore would be using a port. This is further described in Kammer in column 11. Furthermore the applicant's specification provides no details about the virtual communication ports other than the superficial descriptions pointed to in the applicant's remarks. The claims can only be read in light of the Bluetooth specification given the lack of any alternative implementation details in the applicant's brief specification.

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10. The applicant argues with respect to claim 36, that in Kammer, a legacy application is identified by a user using a service name. However, “a communication path can be established to that application over virtual serial ports” so applicant’s are unable to find any mention of service names in the context of connecting but only in the context of finding legacy applications.

11. In response, the establishment of a communication path is the establishment of a connect. The whole purpose of Kammer is for allowing two devices to communicate with applications on other devices (col. 11, lines 1-17).

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas B. Blair whose telephone number is 571-272-3893. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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